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Clean Energy Finance Corporation
Expert Review
Request for Submissions

Our submission focuses primarily on the scope of the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) and its overall objective to overcome capital market barriers that hinder the financing, commercialisation and deployment of renewable energy, energy efficiency and low emissions technologies.

Our particular interest is in the community energy sector and the pivotal role this sector can play in driving clean energy technology and broad community support for this technology, as evidenced internationally in regions such Europe, the UK and North America.

We believe that there are three basic requirements for supporting the community energy sector:

- Recognise the value of engaging the community in the clean energy transition by specifically including community renewable energy projects
- Ensure that community projects are not ruled out due to their relatively small scale
- Make provision for early stage equity investment in community projects

We believe that the community energy sector warrants specific attention in the construction of the CEFC as it will underpin community understanding of and support for both clean energy policy and the roll out of clean energy infrastructure.

We believe that the local economic and social benefits of these projects will play a vital role in building the broad social licence for renewables.

We believe that a vibrant community energy sector is an economically efficient and socially desirable solution for building the social licence required to dramatically drive towards a clean energy future in Australia.

Yours sincerely,

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